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equipment may be inspected upon leaving Library buildings in order to prevent the improper removal of property belonging to the U.S. Government.

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§ 701.4 Information about the Library.

(a) *Information about the Library.* It is the Library's policy to furnish freely information about the Library to the media. All requests from the media, for other than generally published information and Library records, should be referred to the Public Affairs Office.

(b) *Public Affairs Office.* The Public Affairs Office shall have the principal responsibility for responding to requests for information about the Library from representatives of the media; giving advice to Library officers and staff members on public-relations and public-information matters; keeping the Librarian and other officers informed of important developments in this field; and promoting the resources and activities of the Library.

(1) During regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) telephone operators shall refer requests for information, from the media only, about the Library to the Public Affairs Office. All other requests for information shall be referred to the National Reference Service or other appropriate offices of the Library.

(2) All other Library offices and staff members who receive inquiries directly from representatives of the media for information about the Library, other than generally published information, shall refer such inquiries to the Public Affairs Office.

(3) The Public Affairs Office shall respond directly to inquiries concerning the Library, calling upon other offices to supply information to it as necessary, or shall arrange for other offices or staff members, as appropriate, to supply such information directly and report back to Public Affairs after the contact has been made. Requests for Library of Congress records, however, shall be made in accordance with 36 CFR Part 703.

(4) When the Public Affairs Office is closed (evenings, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays), requests from the media for information about the Library shall be referred to the Public Affairs Officer

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at his/her home. In the event that person is not available, inquiries shall be referred to the Acting Public Affairs Officer, or, in turn, a designated public affairs specialist.

(c) *Other Library Units and Staff Members.* All Other Library Units and Staff Members shall be responsible for keeping the Public Affairs Office fully and promptly informed of contacts with the press, except in those instances of routine reference inquiries; supplying the Public Affairs Office with any data it requires in order to respond to inquiries from representatives of the media; and reporting promptly to the Public Affairs Office substantive contacts with media representatives about the Library and its policies or activities.

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§ 701.5 The Library's reading rooms and public use thereof.

(a) All members of the public wishing to use materials from the Library's collections first must obtain a User Card. The Library will issue User Cards, in accordance with established access regulations, to those persons who present a valid photo identification card containing their name and current address. The Library-issued User Card will include the name, digitized photograph, and signature of the user. It must be presented when requesting materials housed in the book stacks or other non-public areas or upon request of a Library staff member. In accordance with Library regulations which prescribe the conditions of reader registration and use of Library materials, presentation of a User Card may be required for entry into certain reading rooms. The Library will maintain the information found on the User Cards, including the digitized photograph and other pertinent information, in an automated file for collections security purposes. Access to the automated file shall be limited to only those Library staff whose official duties require access. The automated file shall be physically separated and accessible only from inside the Library.

(b) Materials in the general classified collections of the Library are serviced in the Main and Local History and Genealogy reading rooms (Thomas Jefferson Building), and the Science and

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Social Science reading rooms (John Adams Building). Special collections, as explained further in subsequent sections, are serviced in the following reading rooms; Archive of Folk Culture, European, Microform, and Rare Book and Special Collections (Thomas Jefferson Building), African and Middle East and Asian (Adams Building), and Geography and Map, Law Library, Manuscript, Motion Picture and Television, Newspaper and Current Periodical, Performing Arts, Prints and Photographs, and Recorded Sound Reference Center (James Madison Memorial Building). Reference and bibliographic assistance is provided by the staff on duty in the reading rooms, to the extent necessary to supplement the reader's prior use of library resources elsewhere and/or to facilitate use of the Library's collections.

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§ 701.6 Service of the general collections.

(a) Requests for materials in the general classified collections are submitted by readers on forms provided for that purpose. Available materials so requested are located and delivered to readers by the staff. Subject to specified limitations, materials may be reserved for continued use. Access to the bookstacks is permitted only under regulations established by the Librarian of Congress.

(b) *Definitions.* (1) *Security* means administration of continuing, effective controls in areas where materials are housed for the purpose of preprocessing or processing, storage, access, or use. These controls are designed to safeguard against theft, loss, misplacement, or damage from improper use or vandalism and may vary as appropriate to the quality, monetary value, replaceability, fragility, or other special or unusual conditions relating to the materials concerned.

(2) *Library material* means:

(i) Items in all formats (including, but not limited to, books and pamphlets; documents; manuscripts; maps; microfiche, microfilms, and other microforms; motion pictures, photographs, posters, prints, drawings, videotapes, and other visual materials;

newspapers and periodicals; recorded discs, tapes, or audio/video/digital materials in other formats) either in the collections of the Library of Congress or acquired for and in process for the Library's collections;

(ii) Objects such as musical instruments, printing blocks, copper engraving plates, paintings, and scrolls, and

(iii) Control files, which are manual or automated files essential to the physical or intellectual access to Library materials, such as catalogs, computer tapes, finding aids, and shelflists. These include items that are acquired as an integral part of Library materials and are accessioned into the collections with them permanent inventory records, public catalogs, and other finding aids.

(3) *Security-controlled environment* means, but is not limited to: general and special reading rooms and research facilities where materials are issued under controlled circumstances for use of readers; the bookstacks and other storage facilities where materials are housed when not in use; and work areas where materials are held temporarily for processing.

(c) *General policy for use of Library materials.* Materials retrieved for readers' use shall be used only in assigned reading rooms or research facilities. Use elsewhere in Library buildings requires specific authorization from designated staff members of the custodial unit. Use of materials assigned to reference collections shall be in accordance with established regulations. To minimize the risk of theft, loss, or damage when the materials are removed from designated storage areas, the conditions of availability and use will vary as appropriate to the quality of materials, their monetary value, replaceability, format, physical condition, and the purpose for which they are to be circulated—reader use within the Library, exhibits, preservation, photoduplication, or loan outside the Library. Unless otherwise specified by Library regulations, and/or legal or contractual obligations, the conditions and procedures for use of materials, including duplication, either inside or outside of the Library buildings, shall be determined by or in consultation